GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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PANCHAYATI RAJ INSTITUTIONS IN CHANDIGARH
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 29 functions enumerated in Schedule-XI of the Constitution have not been transferred to the Panchayati Raj Institutions by Chandigarh UT Administration;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps take to confer the said functions on these grass-root level democratic institutions?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) As per available information, the Union Territory Administration of Chandigarh have not yet devolved powers to Panchayats Raj Institutions (PRIs).

(b) Due to delay in delimitation in constituencies, elections to Intermediate Panchayats and District Panchayats could be held in time while the Gram Panchayat elections were held in January, 1999. Pending elections to these Panchayats, the Union Territory of Chandigarh did not devolve powers upon PRIs. However, the devolution of powers is now under consideration of the Chandigarh Administration.

(c): In pursuance of a Resolution adopted in the Conference of the Ministers of Panchayati Raj of States held in July, 2001 at New Delhi, the Union Territory Administration has been requested to devolve powers to Panchayats by the end of March, 2002.